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Honorable Sam Nunn
United States Senator
75 Spring Street, SW
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Dear Senator Nunn:

This is in response to your letter of May 27, 1993, addressing personal communications service (PCS). Your constituent, William H. Scott, III, Vice Chairman of Interstate Valley Telephone, requests that local exchange carriers (LECs) be permitted to participate in providing PCS to its customers.

On July 16, 1992, the Commission adopted a series of proposals that would establish a regulatory framework to govern provision of narrowband (900 MHz) and wideband (2 GHz) PCS (GEN Docket No. 90-314 and ET Docket No. 92-100). Narrowband PCS could include advanced voice paging, two-way acknowledgement paging, data messaging, electronic mail, and facsimile transmission. Wideband PCS could include, in addition to the above, voice telephone services and wide band data services. The Commission tentatively concluded that there is a strong case for allowing LECs to provide PCS within their respective service areas, but requested public comment on this issue and on whether LECs holding cellular licenses should be treated differently. The Commission also sought comment on alternatives, such as restricting LECs from obtaining a full PCS license in their service area but permitting them to apply for a license or to lease or purchase rights to use an amount of spectrum smaller than that authorized other PCS providers. A copy of the Commission's proposals, which address the status of LECs at paragraphs 71-80, is enclosed.

On June 24, 1993, the Commission adopted a Report and Order which addressed narrowband PCS issues. A copy of the press release is enclosed. The Commission concluded that it is appropriate to allow LECs and cellular licensees to participate in the provision of narrowband PCS without restriction.

I anticipate that the Commission will address the wideband remaining issues regarding LEC participation in PCS later this year. Please be assured that your constituent's concerns will be

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taken into account before a final decision is made and, for that purpose, I am placing a copy of his letter into the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Bruce Franca

for Thomas P. Stanley
Chief Engineer

Enclosures

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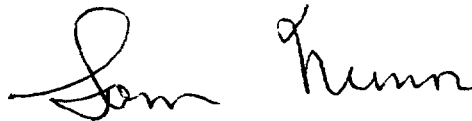
Ms. Laura J Belvin
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1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Belvin:

I recently received the enclosed inquiry from one of my constituents. Please review the matter thoroughly, in accordance with established policies and procedures, and provide me with a full report.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Sincerely,



Sam Nunn

Enclosure

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May 4, 1993

Senator Sam Nunn
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Dear Senator Nunn:

As you are probably aware, the FCC is planning to release a final rule making regarding Personal Communications Services (PCS) which involves new